

REMARKS

An error was noted in Figure 1 as originally filed, wherein the legends for blocks 8 and 9 were inadvertently reversed. A replacement sheet for Figure 1 is attached hereto, wherein blocks 8 and 9 have been provided with the correct legends, consistent with the written portion of the disclosure.

Claims 1-6, 8-19 and 23-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Debbins et al. Claims 7 and 20-22 were stated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

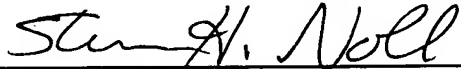
By the present Amendment, the subject matter of claim 7, which also embodies the subject matter of claim 5, has been included in independent claim 1, and claims 5 and 7 have been cancelled. Claims 8-14 directed to a computer program product have been cancelled.

The allowable subject matter from claim 20 has been incorporated in independent claim 15, and claim 20 has been cancelled.

The allowable subject matter of claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form, and a set of dependent claims depending from independent claim 21 has been added.

In view of the indicated allowability of the subject matter of original claims 7 and 21, all claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 1 has been amended as shown on the replacement sheet attached hereto.